

REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Office Action dated January 16, 2008, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on April 16, 2008. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 102

Claims 36 and 37 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by US 3,757,816 to *Price*. In response, Applicant has canceled claims 36 and 37, without prejudice. Accordingly, Applicant requests withdrawal of the rejection.

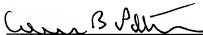
Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-35 and 38 are allowed. Applicant acknowledges allowance of the claims.

Conclusion

Having addressed all issues set out in the office action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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